

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)
)
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)
)
of Elizabeth M. Myers)
)
Certificate 191585)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 8, 2006. On July 24, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to Elizabeth M. Myers, certificate 191585, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, of possible action on her educator certificate. Ms. Myers received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing her signature. Through legal counsel, Ms. Myers subsequently agreed to waive her right to a hearing on the matter and to accept issuance of a public reprimand, with issuance of the public reprimand contingent upon a satisfactory appearance before the State Board by Ms. Myers, as determined by the State Board. After considering the information presented by the Department and through the appearance by Ms. Myers, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Ms. Myers.

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M. Myers

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Myers holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over seven years of teaching experience. During the 2005-2006 school year, Ms. Myers was employed by Spartanburg County School District Five (District), assigned to River Ridge Elementary School as a physical education teacher. She also coached girl's varsity soccer at the District's James F. Byrnes High School. Ms.

Myers resigned from her employment on June 30, 2006, following an investigation into allegations of negligent and inappropriate conduct on her part related to the supervision of students during a weekend team activity.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for the issuance of a public reprimand to Ms. Myers for unprofessional conduct. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/s/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

November 8, 2006

I, Elizabeth M. Myers, S.C. Educator Certificate 191585, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on November 8, 2006.

/s/ Elizabeth M. Myers
Elizabeth M. Myers

10/27/06
Date